(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. There are 22 projects of total cost of Rs. 7232 crores, in aggregate length of 1152 kms which are under implementation on Build Operate Transfer (BOT), Annuity and Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) basis.

Road accidents in Chandigarh

†2341. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of persons dying of head injuries in road accidents in Chandigarh is much more than that of Metro Cities;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of persons died of head injuries in road accidents in Chandigarh during the last three years; and

(d) the effective steps proposed to be taken by Government to check the road accidents in the said area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) This Ministry does not compile the road accident data based on various type of injuries, including head injury. However, as per information available the number of persons dying in road accidents in Chandigarh is much less than that in four metros.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The data is not maintained by this Ministry.

(d) The Government is taking various measures to inculcate safe driving practices in the country so as to reduce road accidents. Some of these are:

(1) Provision of refresher training to drivers of heavy motor vehicles.

(2) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(3) Grants-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.

(4) Encouraging use of simulators in driver's training.

(5) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/ individuals for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(6) Organising All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to create awareness.

(7) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.

(8) Widening/improvement of roads, etc.

Subsidy to Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation

2342. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Maharashtra Government has sought 40 per cent subsidy to Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation towards its investment of Rs. 2,000 crore for construction of 6 lane Expressway between Mumbai and Pune being *inter alia* an integral part of the Golden Quadrilateral being implemented by the National Highways Authority;

(b) if so, whether Government have acceded to the request; and

(c) if not, whether MSRDC is being entrusted construction of NH-4 and partnerships in administration of toll regime for both upgraded NH-4 and Expressway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

National Highways in Manipur

2343. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA : Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Highways connecting Manipur with the rest of the country;